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In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph on page 4, line 32 to page 5, line 5 with the following:

The first member 20 is formed from an elastic material that is [harder] <u>softer</u> than the material used to form the second member 30. The first member 20 and the second member 30

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